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U.S. Commander Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa visits Burundi

Major General Terry Ferrell, Commander of the Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA), and United States Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi Dawn Liberi met with Deputy Chief of General Staff of National Defense Forces Major General Fabien Nzisabira on Thursday, September 5, to discuss critical matters of security cooperation related to the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) and the United States-Burundian military partnership.

“[General Ferrell’s] presence demonstrates the importance that his command sees in its partnership with Burundi,” said Ambassador Liberi when introducing him at a reception on Thursday evening. General Ferrell and Ambassador Liberi also publicly thanked Major General Nzisabira for Burundi’s commitment to regional peacekeeping operations.

On Friday September 6, General Ferrell attended an official handover of military equipment provided by the U.S. Government. During the handover ceremony, Ambassador Liberi noted, “Since peacekeeping operations began, the U.S. has steadfastly supported Burundian peacekeepers with pre-deployment training, personal protective equipment, and deployment support.” The equipment that the U.S. Government has donated is valued at over \$5.3 million U.S. dollars and includes radio communication equipment, vehicle repair parts, combat engineering equipment, and personal protective equipment for use in AMISOM operations.